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FOR

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AND

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEARS 1924 and 1925.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Wath-upon-Dearne Urban District Council.

Gentlemen,

I have much pleasure in submitting to you my fifth Annual Report concerning the vital statistics and general sanitary condition of your District.

This year the Report is known as a "survey" one

Natural and Social Conditions.

Your district consists of three townships, Wath and West Melton, and Newhill, which is partly in one township and partly in the other. Wath is built on the slope of a hill facing towards the North; West Melton on a hill facing towards the South-East, and Newhill on a hill facing towards the South-West. The configuration of the land is such that drainage is a comparatively easy matter, as the natural slope of the ground is towards the River Dearne, and the whole area is drained by tributaries of the Dearne. The district belongs entirely to the Carboniferous or Coal measure period and the alluvial deposits in the valley of the Dearne, which, roughly speaking, forms the northern boundary of your District, covers a large area and consists of clay. sand and gravel; for the most part the sand is found on the northern slopes of the hills, and the clay, which makes excellent bricks, on tbe southern slopes. A strata known as the Oaks Rock runs down the valley in a south-easterly direction and the measures are thrown down in the north about 150 feet, and it is owing to this "rock" that we have such an excellent and plentiful water supply. The inhabitants of your District are mainly colliers, and as coal mining is a very healthy occupation our death-rate is always fairly low and our people are healthy.

General Statistics.

Area of the District	2,353 acres.
Population in June, 1924	13,830.
June, 1925	14,260.
June, 1921	13,040.
Height above Sea-level	...70 to 325 feet.
Number of inhabited houses (1925)	3,034.
Rateable Value (1924)	£71,012.
,, ,, (1925)	£69,164.
Sum represented by a penny rate (1924)	£264 15/..
,, ,, ,, ,, (1925)	£265 5/-.
Rainfall for (1925)	23·59 inches on 193 days.
,, (1924)	24·31 inches on 210 days.
Zymotic Rate	(1924) ·72. (1925) ·42.

Vital Statistics.

BIRTHS.—The births in 1924 were 391,—205 males, 186 females; 7 of these were illegitimate. This gives a birth-rate of 28.2 per 1,000. In 1924 the birth-rate for England and Wales was 18·8 per 1,000.

The births in 1925 were 351,—178 males, 173 females; 15 of these were illegitimate. This gives a birth-rate of 24·6 per 1,000. In 1925 the birth-rate for England and Wales was 18·3 per 1,000.

DEATHS.—In 1924 there were 162 deaths,—85 males, 77 females. This gives a death-rate of 11·7 per 1,000. In 1924 the death-rate for England and Wales was 12·2 per 1,000.

In 1925, there were 156 deaths,—91 males, 65 females. This gives a death rate of 10·9 per 1,000. In 1925 the death-rate for England and Wales was 12·2 per 1,000.

The Causes of Death are appended :—

	1924.	1925.
Enteric Fever	0	0
Small-pox	0	0
Measles	5	1
Scarlet Fever	2	0
Whooping Cough	0	3
Diphtheria	0	0
Influenza	0	3
Encephalitis Lethergica ...	0	0
Meningococal Meningitis ..	0	0
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	10	16
Other Tuberculous Diseases ...	5	2
Cancer, Malignant Disease ...	16	16
Rheumatic Fever	1	0
Diabetes	0	2
Celebral Hœmorrhage, etc. ...	13	10
Heart Disease	23	10

Causes of Death—*continued.*

	1924.	1925.
Arterio Sclerosis	1	3
Bronchitis	12	9
Pneumonia (all forms) ...	18	26
Other Respiratory Diseases ...	0	0
Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum	0	0
Diarrhœa, etc. (under 2 years) ..	3	2
Appendicitis and Typhilitis ...	1	1
Cirrhosis of Liver	0	0
Acute and Chronic Nephritis ...	4	3
Puerperal Sepsis	1	0
Other Accidents and Diseases of Pregnacy and Parturition ...	1	1
Congenital Debility and Malformation (Premature Birth) ...	11	13
Suicide	0	1
Other Deaths from Violence ...	6	7
Other Defined Diseases ...	29	26
Other Ill-defined or unknown ...	0	1

Deaths from the Seven Principal Zymotic Diseases.

	1924.	1925.
Enteric Fever	0	0
Small Pox	0	0
Measles	5	1
Scarlet Fever	2	0
Whooping Cough ...	0	3
Diphtheria	0	0
Diarrhæa (under 2 years)...	3	2

And equal to a Zymotic Death-rate in 1924 to ·72 per 1,000.
And equal to a Zymotic Death-rate in 1925 to ·42 per 1,000.

The Death-rate for Diarrhœa diseases (under 2 years of age) was 7 per 1,000 births in 1924.
The Death-rate for Diarrhœ diseases (under 2 years of age) was 5 per 1,000 births in 1925.

Deaths from Tuberculosis.

In 1924.	Tuberculosis of the Respiratory System (4 males, 6 females)	10
	Other Tubercular Diseases ...	5
	Total	15

Equal to a Death-rate of 1 per 1,000.

In 1925.	Tuberculosis of the Respiratory System (5 males, 11 females)	16
	Other Tubercular Diseases ...	2
	Total	18

Equal to a Death-rate of 1·2 per 1,000.

Infantile Mortality.

In 1924. 38 Infants died under 1 year of age.
2 of these were illegitimate.

Equal to an Infantile Mortality of 97 per 1,000 births.

The Rate for England and Wales was 75 per 1,000 births.

In 1925. 26 Infants died under 1 year of age.
1 of these was illegitimate.

Equal to an Infant Mortality of 74 per 1,000 births.

The Rate for England and Wales was 75 per 1,000 births.

General Provision of Health Services in the Area.

TUBERCULOSIS.—The County Council maintain a Dispensary in Mexborough (Market St.). Patients are seen on Mondays and Wednesdays by the Tuberculosis officer and his staff.

MATERNITY.—There is no Maternity Hospital in the District, but cases requiring surgical treatment are sent to the Montagu Hospital, Mexborough.

ISOLATION.—Wath Wood Isolation Hospital, of which Wath-upon-Dearne is one of the constituent authorities, for Enteric Fever, Scarlet Fever and Diphtheria.

The Hoober Small Pox Hospital, of which Wath-upon-Dearne is also a constituent authority.

VENEREAL DISEASES.—Centres for the treatment of these diseases are held at the Sheffield Hospitals.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES.—Ambulance facilities for infectious diseases are provided by the Wath, Swinton and District Joint Hospital Board (Motor Ambulance).

The Hoober Hospital provides only a Horse Ambulance.

For accidents and other cases, Motor Ambulances are provided by the local Collieries. The Township does not provide an Ambulance.

CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES.—The Maternity and Child Welfare Centre is under the authority of the West Riding County Council, is held in the Wesleyan Schoolroom (Chapel Street) on Mondays from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. The accommodation consists of a Consulting room, a Weighing room, and a Waiting room. A School Clinic is held in the same room on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9-30 a.m. to 12 noon.

This Centre was opened on Sept. 22nd, 1919.

PROFESSIONAL NURSING IN THE HOME.—

(*a*) General. There are two District Nurses, one for West Melton and one for Wath-upon-Dearne. They are both provided for by Charity Trusts.

(*b*) For Infectious Diseases. All treated in Isolation Hospital, with the exception of Measles, Chicken Pox and Whooping Cough.

Public Health Officers of the Local Authority.

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH. This a part time appointment. He was appointed in 1921 M.O.H.

SANITARY INSPECTOR. This appointment is a whole time one. He is the officer designated under Housing Inspector of District Regulations) 1910, and has been appointed the officer under the Public Health (Meat) Order, 1924, to whom notices of slaughter must be sent. He was appointed in 1914.

HEALTH VISITORS. There are two Health Visitors, provided for by the West Riding County Council.

MIDWIVES. There are 4 midwives practising in the District. They have conducted themselves during the year to my entire satisfaction. They are a very respectable class of persons and are extremely good and sympathetic to their patients. The West Riding County Council is the Supervisising Authority.

LABORATORY WORK. Samples of water for analysis are sent as and when required to the Council's Analyst. Bacteriological specimens are sent to the County Laboratory Wakefield, in special outfits provided by the County Council, and reports are sent both to the Medical Officer of Health and the Medical Practitioners.

List of Adoptive Acts.

Public Health Acts (Amendment Act) 1890.
Public Health Acts (Amendment Act) 1907.
Parts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.
Public Health Acts (Amendment Act) 1925.
Parts 2, 3, 5.

Bye-laws.

New Streets and Buildings.
Common Lodging Houses.
Slaughter Houses.
Nuisances.
Pleasure Grounds.
Omnibuses.
Offensive Trade of Fish Frier.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

WATER SUPPLY. Our water supply pumped up from the Oaks Rock has been excellent in quality, but rather hard, and plentiful in quantity.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE. The yearly flow of sewage has yielded a daily average of 320,322 gallons as compared with 320,678 gallons in 1924.

Housing Statistics for 1925.

Number of New Houses erected during the year :—

(*a*) Total 459

(*b*) With State assistance under Housing Acts :—

(1) By Local Authority ... ... 350.

(2) By other bodies or persons ... ... 109.

I. *Unfit Dwelling Houses.*

Inspection. (1) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) . ... 950.

(2) Number of dwelling houses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910, or the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 ... ... Nil.

(3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ... ... Nil.

(4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation... .. Nil.

II. *Remedy of Defects without service of formal uotices :*

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers ... ... 869.

III. *Action under Statutory Powers :*

(*A*) Proceedings under Section 3 of the Housing Acts 1925 :—

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ... ... Nil.

(2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :—

(*a*) By owners ... ... Nil.

(*b*) By Local Authority in default of owners Nil.

(3) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Closing Orders became operative in pursuance of declarations by owners of intention to close ... ... Nil.

(*B*) *Proceedings under Public Health Acts :*

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied 371,

(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:

(*a*) By owners ... ... 367.

(*b*) By Local Authority in default of owners Nil.

(*C*) *Proceedings under sections 11, 14 and 15 of the Housing Act, 1925 :—*

(1) Number of representations made with a view to the making of Closing Orders ... ... Nil.

(2) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made ... ... Nil.

(3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the dwelling-houses having been rendered fit ... ... Nil.

(4) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ... ... Nil.

(5) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ... ... Nil.

Prevalence and Control over Infectious Diseases.

SMALL-POX.—No case was notified during 1924 or 1925.

SCARLET FEVER.—There were 88 notifications of this disease as compared with 116 in 1914. No death occurred in 1925, but two occurred in 1924. All the 88 cases were removed to Hospital.

DIPHTHERIA.—Three cases were notified in 1925 as against 6 in 1924, they were all removed to Hospital.

OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM—There was only 1 case in 1925 as against 3 in 1924.

ERYSIPELAS.—There were 4 cases notified in 1925 and 4 in 1924.

PUERPERAL FEVER.—There was no notification of this disease in in 1925, but we had one in 1924.

ENTERIC FEVER.—No notification in 1925, one in 1924.

PNEUMONIA.—There were 3 notifications in 1925.

TUBERCULOSIS :—

(a) Pulmonary. There were 30 notifications in 1925 against 3 in 1924.

(b) Non-Pulmonary. There were 37 notifications in 1925. None in 1924.

SLAUGHTER HOUSES. No. ... ... 12.

DAIRIES, COWSHEDS, MILK SHOPS ORDER :

There are on the Register under this Order :

Cowkeepers and Purveyors of Milk	24.
Purveyors of Milk only	12.
Wholesale Purveyors of Milk	6.

The Dairies, Cow Sheds and Milk Shops have been kept under the close supervision by your Sanitary Inspector.

FACTORY AND WORKSHOP ACTS.—The work in connection with inspections is carried out by your Sanitary Inspector.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES. No. ... 1.

SCHOOLS.—I am pleased to be able say that we had no School closure in 1924 or in 1925. They are thoroughly disinfected during the holidays and the sanitary conditions inspected.

In conclusion, I beg to acknowledge with thanks the kindness and help I have received from my brother officials, and from the Chairman and Members of the Council.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

TIMOTHY CROWLEY,

Medical Officer of Health.

WATH-UPON-DEARNE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Sanitary Inspector's Annual Report

1923.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Wath-upon-Dearne Urban District Council.

Gentlemen,

I have pleasure to submit to you my Annual Report of the work carried out in the Sanitary Department during the year 1923.

Summary of Work done.

Houses and Premises visited and inspected	1570
Number of re-visits and inspections	920
Visits paid to Factories, Workshops and Bakehouses	80
,, ,, Dairies and Cowsheds	67
,, ,, Slaughter-houses	53
,, ,, Food Shops, etc.	192
,, ,, Lodging-houses	36
,, ,, Yards and Courts	1012
,, ,, Inspections of Drains	170
,, ,, Works in progress	376
Personal interviews with owners and agents... ...	251
Preliminary and Verbal Notices given to abate Nuisances	173
Number of Complaints received	39
Number of Visits to above	47
Nuisances found	382
Nuisances abated	369
Nuisances in abeyance	13
During this year New Houses built and occupied ...	87
Number of Privies in Area	1522
Number of Ashpits in Area	898
Number of Dust Bins in Area	829
Number of Water Closets	1155

Lodging House.

The Lodging House has during the year been kept in a clean and not overcrowded condition.

Slaughter Houses.

There are 12 of these in your Area, and they have again been kept in good condition and in only one case have I had to complain of the removal of offal and manure.

Cow Sheds.

There are 13 farms containing 24 cow-sheds and in these sheds are 117 milk beasts. I have inspected these sheds and cows repeatedly during the year and along with Mr. Wheatcroft, your veterinary surgeon, who states in his Report the cows appear to be well-cared for and they are clean. This latter and desirable condition is no doubt due to the season of the year the cows being out to grass. Mr. Wheatcroft considers the farmers should be prevailed upon to spend more time in grooming and cleaning the beasts, and by this means the farmers and cows would materially benefit and the consumer would get a cleaner and more wholesome milk. Taken as a whole you have a clean, healthy lot of dairy cows in your District and I congratulate you and the owners on the marked absence of disease amongst them.

Disinfections.

All the Schools in your District have been thoroughly disinfected and the drains and water-closets flushed and cleansed. Enquiries have been made after each case of infectious disease and the house properly disinfected as desired by your Medical Officer of Health.

Sanitary Improvements.

Conversion of Privies into Water-Closets.

Sandymount	71
Sandygate...	15
Chapel Street	2
Park Road	10
Cemetery Road	2
Doncaster Road	4
Barnsley Road	11
	115

94 were under the 1907 Act and
11 were under the 1875 Act.
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I wish to thank the Members of the Council and Officials for their help and courtesy to me during the year.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

F. J. ALLOTT,

Sanitary Inspector.

WATH-UPON-DEARNE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Sanitary Inspector's Annual Report

1924.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Wath-upon-Dearne Urban District Council.

Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting for your consideration the report of work done in the Sanitary Department during the year 1924.

Summary of work done.

Houses and Premises visited and inspected	1873
Houses and Premises re-visited	840
Visits paid to Factories and Workshops	86
,, ,, Dairies and Cowsheds	49
,, ,, Slaughter-houses	31
,, ,, Food Shops and Bakehouses	173
,, ,, Lodging-houses	42
,, ,, Yards and Courts	921
,, ,, Inspect and Test Drains	121
,, ,, Works in progress	410
,, ,, Owners and Agents	228
Preliminary and Verbal Notices to abate Nuisances	167
Number of Complaints received	33
Number of visits to above	41
Nuisances found	360
Nuisances abated	353
Nuisances in abeyance	7
During the year New Houses Built and Occupied ...	82
Number of Privies in the District	1386
Water Closets constructed	138
Number of Water Closets in area	1293

Slaughter Houses.

There are 12 of these in your area, they are kept in good and clean condition by the persons using them and no complaint has had to be made respecting them during the year.

Cowsheds.

There are 13 Farms containing 24 Cowsheds, and in these Cowsheds there are 110 milk beasts.

The Veterinary Surgeon, Mr. Wheatcroft, reports as follows:

" Taken as a whole you have a clean healthy lot of " Dairy Cows in your District, and I congratulate both you " and the owners on the marked absence of disease amongst " them."

Lodging House.

This has again been kept clean and not overcrowded, and credit is due to the owner and occupier as to its condition.

Disinfections.

Enquiries have been made after each case of infectious disease, as instructed by your Medical Officer of Health, the house disinfected and the drains examined.

The Schools have been disinfected twice during the year and the drains flushed with water and disinfectants.

Sanitary Improvements.

Conversion of Privies into Water-Closets.

Doncaster Road	8
Cadman Street	9
Melton View	12
Well Lane	9
Church Street	15
Cemetery Road	12
Chapel Street	23
Park Road	29
West Street	4
Market Terrace	14
Red Lion Hotel	3
	138

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WATH-UPON-DEARNE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Sanitary Inspector's Annual Report

1925.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Wath-upon-Dearne Urban District Council.

Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting for your consideration a report of work done in the Sanitary Department during the year 1925.

Summary of Work done.

Houses and Premises visited and inspected	1790
Number of re-visits and inspections	950
Visits paid to Factories, Workshops and Bakehouses	90
,, ,, Dairies and Cowsheds	67
,, ,, Slaughter-houses	53
,, ,, Food Shops, etc.	170
,, ,, Lodging-houses	51
,, ,, Yards and Courts	321
,, ,, Inspections of Drains	150
,, ,, Works in progress	319
Personal interviews with owners and agents... ...	151
Preliminary and Verbal Notices given to abate Nuisances	192
Number of Complaints received	27
Number of Visits to above	43
Nuisances found	371
Nuisances abated	367
Nuisances in abeyance	4
During this year New Houses built and occupied ...	97
Number of Privies in Area	1291
Number of Water Closets	1388
Number of Privies converted during the year ...	95

Lodging House.

This has been kept in a clean and not overcrowded condition. The filthy privies have been converted into water-closets and the drains properly relaid.

Slaughter Houses.

There are 12 of these in your District and during the year they have been kept in good and clean condition by the persons using them and no complaints made respecting them during the year.

Cow Sheds.

There are 13 farms containing 24 cow-sheds and in these sheds there are 115 milk beasts. The sheds have been been kept clean except in two cases where I have had to complain of manure stored too near cowshed doors and windows, and in some cases insufficient ventilation on account of ventilators being blocked so as to prevent down draft on the backs of the cows.

Disinfections.

Enquiries have been made after each case of infectious disease as instructed by Dr. Crowley, the Medical Officer of Health, to ascertain the source of infection and the house and drains examined and where faulty remedied. Each School has been thoroughly disinfected twice during the year and the drains examined and flushed with water and disinfectants.

Sanitary Improvements.

Conversion of Privies into Water-Closets.

Market Place	2
Chapel Street	8
The Green, West Melton	11
The Terrace	21
Brampton Road	27
Firth Road	8
Barnsley Road	18
	95

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